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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2347

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TAGS: CASC (LIGHT, DAVID)

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF DAVID LIGHT

REFERENCE: STATE 233921

1. FONSEC ARTEH HAS NOT RPT NOT RETURNED TO MOGADISCIO SINCE HIS WASHINGTON VISIT AND IS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED HERE UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER ARAB SUMMIT IN RABAT. I TOLD CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ON OCTOBER 18 THAT QUESTION OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO LIGHT HAD BEEN RAISED WITH ARTEH IN WASHINGTON AND ASKED WHERE OUR REQUEST FOR SUCH ACCESS STOOD. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SAID IT HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO SECURITY AUTHORITIES BUT THAT HE HAD HAD NO RPT NO REPLY FROM THEM. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THE MATTER AND ASKED HIM TO FOLLOW UP. ALMOST DAILY CONTACTS WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY MYSELF OR CONSULAR OFFICER, PLUS A COMMENT BY ME TO MOFA DIRECTOR GENERAL DURING INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS HAVE BROUGHT NOTHING MORE THAN PROMISES TO LET US KNOW AS SOON AS WORD ABOUT CONSULAR ACCESS OR RELEASE RECEIVED FROM SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

2. WE WILL KEEP PRESSING AND I WILL RAISE THIS WITH ARTEH AS SOON AS HE RETURNS. OUR CONTACTS WITH MOFA TO DATE GIVE NO INDICATION THAT ARTEH HAS HIMSELF INFORMED MOGADISCIO THAT CASE RAISED WITH HIM BY
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EASUM. HE IS REGRETTABLY OFTEN ONGER ON PROMISES THAN

PERFORMANCE.

3. WE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND FAMILY'S CONCERN.
SOMALIS HAVE VERY BAD RECORD ON CONSULAR ACCESS
AND RELEASE OF FOREIGNERS COMING ACROSS ETHIOPIAN
BORDER, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE DO ALL WE CAN GET SOME
SATISFACTION FROM THEM.
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